

Amendment to Claims

Listing of the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, wherein the trigger defines a triggering statement and one or more triggered actions, the method including:

determining that a triggering statement of a trigger will execute on a subject table row of a subject table;

requesting a transition table in response to determining that the triggering statement will execute, the transition table including a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~;

reading the transition table row from the transition table;

identifying a processing unit to receive the transition table row and a triggered action of the trigger based on an association between the identified processing unit and a portion of memory; and

transmitting the transition table row and the triggered action to the identified processing unit to be processed.

2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the triggering statement comprises one of an UPDATE, INSERT, INSERT/SELECT, and DELETE statement to be executed on the subject table.

3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the triggered action comprises a first triggered action of the trigger and a second triggered action of the trigger, and transmitting the transition table row comprises transmitting the transition table row, the first triggered action, and the second triggered action to the processing unit to be processed.

4. (currently amended) A method for processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, wherein the trigger defines a triggering statement and one or more triggered actions, the method including:

determining that a triggering statement of a trigger will execute on a subject table row of a subject table;

instructing a first processing unit, in response to determining that the triggering statement of the trigger will execute, to communicate a transition table row to a second processing unit, wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~;

transmitting a triggered action of the trigger to the second processing unit to be processed using the transition table row.

5. (original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the triggering statement comprises one of an UPDATE, INSERT, INSERT/SELECT, and DELETE statement to be executed on the subject table.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 4, further comprising:

instructing the first processing unit, in response to determining that the triggering statement of the trigger will execute, to communicate a second transition table row to a third processing unit, wherein the second transition table row comprises the at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~; and

transmitting a second triggered action of the trigger to the third processing unit to be processed using the second transition table row.

7. (currently amended) A method for processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a database comprising:

receiving a triggering statement of a trigger to be executed on a subject table row of a subject table and information identifying a processing unit;

generating a transition table row in response to receiving the triggering statement,

wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~;

transmitting the transition table row to the processing unit.

8. (original) The method of Claim 7, wherein generating a transition table row comprises:

determining the original value of the subject table row;

applying the triggering statement to the subject table row;

determining the new value of the subject table row; and

generating a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises the original value and the new value.

9. (currently amended) A method for processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a database comprising:

receiving a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~;

storing the transition table row in a memory;

receiving a triggered action of a trigger associated with a subject table and information identifying the transition table row;

reading the transition table row from the memory based on the information identifying the transition table row; and

processing the triggered action based on the transition table row.

10. (original) The method of Claim 9, wherein processing the triggered action comprises:

determining whether the transition table row satisfies a trigger condition of the trigger; and

processing the triggered action if the transition table row satisfies the trigger condition.

11. (currently amended) A computer program, stored on a tangible storage medium, for use in processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, the program including executable instructions that cause a computer to:

determine that a triggering statement of a trigger will execute on a subject table row of a subject table;

request a transition table in response to determining that the triggering statement will execute, the transition table including a transition table row, the transition table row comprising **at least one value associated with the subject table row; a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row.**

read the transition table row from the transition table;

identify a processing unit to receive the transition table row and a triggered action of the trigger **based on an association between the identified processing unit and a portion of memory**; and

transmit the transition table row and the triggered action to the identified processing unit to be processed.

12. (original) The computer program of claim 11, wherein the triggering statement comprises one of an UPDATE, INSERT, INSERT/SELECT, and DELETE statement to be executed on the subject table.

13. (original) The computer program of Claim 11, wherein the triggered action comprises a first triggered action of the trigger and a second triggered action of the trigger, and wherein the program causes the computer to transmit the transition table row by transmitting the transition table row, the first triggered action, and the second triggered action to the processing unit to be processed.

14. (currently amended) A computer program, stored on a tangible storage medium, for use in processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, the program including executable instructions that cause a computer to:

determine that a triggering statement of a trigger will execute on a subject table row of a subject table;

instruct a first processing unit, in response to determining that the triggering statement of the trigger will execute, to communicate a transition table row to a second processing unit, wherein the transition table row comprises **at least one value associated with the subject table row; and** ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row;~~

transmit a triggered action of the trigger to the second processing unit to be processed using the transition table row.

15. (original) The computer program of Claim 14, wherein the triggering statement comprises one of an UPDATE, INSERT, INSERT/SELECT, and DELETE statement to be executed on the subject table.

16. (original) The computer program of Claim 14, further including executable instructions that cause a computer to

instruct the first processing unit, in response to determining that the triggering statement of the trigger will execute, to communicate a second transition table row to a third processing unit, wherein the transition table row comprises a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row; and

transmit a second triggered action of the trigger to the third processing unit to be processed using the second transition table row.

17. (currently amended) A computer program, stored on a tangible storage medium, for use in processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, the program including executable instructions that cause a computer to:

receive a triggering statement of a trigger to be executed on a subject table row of a subject table and information identifying a processing unit;

generate a transition table row in response to receiving the triggering statement, wherein the transition table row comprises **at least one value associated with the subject table row; and** ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a~~

~~second value associated with the subject table row;~~

transmit the transition table row to the processing unit.

18. (original) The computer program of Claim 17, wherein the executable instructions cause the computer to generate the transition table row by:

determining the original value of the subject table row;

applying the triggering statement to the subject table row;

determining the new value of the subject table row; and

generating a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises the original value and the new value.

19. (currently amended) A computer program, stored on a tangible storage medium, for use in processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database, the program including executable instructions that cause a computer to:

receive a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row;~~

store the transition table row in a memory;

receive a triggered action of a trigger associated with a subject table and information identifying the transition table row;

read the transition table row from the memory based on the information identifying the transition table row; and

process the triggered action based on the transition table row.

20. (currently amended) The computer program of Claim 19 ~~method of Claim 9~~, wherein the executable instructions cause the computer to process the triggered action by:

determining whether the transition table row satisfies a trigger condition of the trigger; and

processing the triggered action if the transition table row satisfies the trigger condition.

21. (currently amended) A database system including:
a massively parallel processing system including:
one or more nodes;
a plurality of CPUs, each of the one or more nodes providing access to one or more CPUs;
a plurality of data storage facilities each of the one or more CPUs providing access to one or more data storage facilities; and
a process for processing a trigger associated with a subject table in a relational database residing on the one or more data storage facilities, wherein the trigger defines a triggering statement and one or more triggered actions, the process including:
determining that a triggering statement of a trigger will execute on a subject table row of a subject table;
requesting a transition table in response to determining that the triggering statement will execute, the transition table including a transition table row, wherein the transition table row comprises at least one value associated with the subject table row ~~a first value associated with the subject table row and a second value associated with the subject table row~~;
reading the transition table row from the transition table;
identifying a CPU processing unit to receive the transition table row and a triggered action of the trigger based on a data storage facility to which the identified CPU provides access; and
transmitting the transition table row and the triggered action to the identified CPU processing unit to be processed.

22. (original) The database system of Claim 21, wherein the triggering statement comprises one of an UPDATE, INSERT, INSERT/SELECT, and DELETE statement to be executed on the subject table.

23. (currently amended) The database system of Claim 21, wherein the triggered action comprises a first triggered action and a second triggered action of the trigger, and transmitting the transition table row comprises transmitting the transition table row, the first triggered action, and the second triggered action to the **identified CPU processing unit** to be processed.

24. (new) The method of Claim 1 wherein identifying the processing unit to receive the transition table row and the triggered action comprises identifying the processing unit to receive the transition table row and the triggered action based on an association between the identified processing unit and a portion of memory storing a row of the subject table that is affected by the triggering statement.

25. (new) The computer program of Claim 11, wherein the executable instructions further cause the computer to identify the processing unit to receive the transition table row and the triggered action by identifying the processing unit to receive the transition table row and the triggered action based on an association between the identified processing unit and a portion of memory storing a row of the subject table that is affected by the triggering statement.

26. (new) The database system of Claim 21, wherein the process is further operable to identify the CPU to receive the transition table row and the triggered action by identifying a CPU that provides access to a data storage facility storing a row of the subject table that is affected by the triggering statement.